

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
Student Senate Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2009 VU 567**

**Present:** Annie Jansen, Chelsea Bourdess, Wyatt Ho, Danielle Dickson, Jadon Berry, Nikki Brown, Dan McLafferty, Justin Gazabat, Nick Gaddy

**Absent:** Brianne Kumar, Justin Van Dyk, Rebekah Johnson

**Advisor:** Greg McBride

**Secretary:** Teaira Lacson

**Guest:** Ben Wurtz; VP of Student Life, Sarah Ishmael; VP of Legislative, Erik Lowe, AS President

**Annie Jansen, Student Senate Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

No Approval due to problems with tape recorder, next week there will be two sets of minutes to approve.

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

A. Discussion item: Tuition Resolution moved to Information Items section due to time

**III. Public Forum**

None00

**IV. Information Items**

**A. Issue of the Month – February**

Motion to move: “Issue of the Month—February” to “Action Items” because Annie Jansen said it could be moved to an Action Item.

***MOTION S-09-W-0*** by Jadon Berry; seconded by Danielle Dickson

Approval of the motion of moving “Issue of the Month—February,” an action item to “Action Items”

Vote: 3-4 -2                      Action: **Not Passed**

**B. Tuition Resolution—Doc. 1**

Sarah Ishmael said in talks with students from the AS—a general consensus that a resolution needs to be passed, in which a rough draft resolution was presented with the basic statements that the governor should do regarding the economic situations; also includes what the AS would do. It essentially would remove tuition setting authority from the legislators and give it to boards. In this document it emphasizes the students’ involvement in tuition costs. It is before the Senate to discuss revisions, to get suggestions. Jansen asked about the presence of tuition setting authority and commented on the formatting, making it the standard format for resolutions. She felt the main thesis is buried in the resolution and could be a more prominent feature. Jadon Berry suggested changing certain parts to

eliminate the sense of a suggestion and revising the vague part. Ishmael responded by saying that the second point is the strongest of the three, but inquired how to make it not only about tuition. Jansen suggested the format to general to specific. Berry commented of the verbiage. Ishmael said she would like to combine both views of Jansen and Berry. Dan McLafferty suggested tuition should be one of the first also agreed with Jansen. Jansen also suggested not grouping all of the issues and perhaps has a second resolution to separate the parts to explain them more deeply. Justin Gazabat said the word “reasonable” is troublesome because what is reasonable. Ishmael wanted comments on the last “Therefore be it resolved...” Wyatt Ho suggested creating a second document because this document deals more with funding rather than tuition: both are separate actions. McLafferty commented on the “Therefore be it resolved...” and perhaps altering it. Berry said it may be a stretch getting a legislature to read two documents. Both Jansen and Ho liked the idea of the two separate documents. Danielle Dickson made comments about grammatical errors. Jansen suggested future contributions by the Senators.

## **V. Action Items**

None

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **A. Viking Village Homework**

1. Danielle Dickson commented on the number of left-handed desks; there are not enough to accommodate them those students.
2. Berry said the Valentine’s advertisement regarding searching for a date was interesting and the forum about the professors wanting a professor lounge; commented that during the budget crisis it is not necessary for them to have a new building. Erik Lowe said there was a large one in Old Main.
3. Chelsea Bourdess prefers the renovation because College Hall is inaccessible. Jansen commented about general renovations going around the entire campus; like the fountain. She also encouraged Senators to continue looking at the forums for potential “issues.”

### **B. Service Project Follow-Up**

1. McLafferty looked into the soup kitchens; there are three: Lighthouse, CAST, Salt on the Street. Potential problems with Lighthouse is probably too religiously involved, CAST has transporting issues. Lowe said in general, they prohibit AS from participating in religious services and suggested volunteering at the food bank because Jansen said it is not specifically committed to religious identities.

2. Jansen suggested looking more into the food bank; contacting them and talk to the Opportunity Council. Gazabat said volunteering at the food bank would be rad.
3. Nick Gaddy suggested campus clean-up. Lowe said that Facilities Management does a pretty good job, but would appreciate more help. Brown said perhaps in surrounding locations, not necessarily around campus, like Happy Valley and Sehome.

### **C. Scheduling for Red Square Table—Doc. 2**

Jansen made a document in order to find out the Senators' schedule to establish times for the Red Square Table: it can be revised and is completely confidential. Jansen is still searching for specific days and if there are comments to write them at the bottom of the document or to e-mail her. Gazabat asked, "What are we tabling for?" Jansen said "It was for tabling." McLafferty asked about when tabling will occur.

## **VII. Other Business:**

### **A. Tuition**

Lowe had a meeting with Bruce Sheppard. Berry suggested a peaceful protest to get their point across. Gazabat suggested having a day in March where students send letters to the president to voice an opinion. Gaddy said he was thinking about organizing a forum with economics professors and the president to show the two sides of the issue. McLafferty asked if the other institutions are on board with the WSL—UW is however, WSU and CWU are not due to low enrollment. Lowe answered by saying that in generally other schools are on board about the stance on tuition.

## **VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns**

- Justin Gazabat: Has nothing going on in his committees that he knows of; he has contacted Virgilio but had no reply.
- Dan McLafferty: Has not been contacted by his committees. Issues/Concerns: People are still upset about the football team
- Nikki Brown: Had met up with ACC and visited sites for tech fee committee.
- Jadon Berry: Had not met with his Appeals. Issues/Concerns: tuition.
- Wyatt Ho: LAC met today and got through the entire legislature agenda and is still looking for more people concerning Academic Affairs.
- Nick Gaddy: Had not been contacted by his committees. Issues/Concerns: Tuition and how people are not informed about what is going on.
- Chelsea Bourdess: JS structure Task Force meeting to make AS committees more productive. Has a meeting with her advisor to address how smoothly committees are run.
- Danielle Dickson: Disability Advisory Committee met last week and are now working with money that they had last year: \$100,000 looking at accessible doors, ramps, re-

pavement, campus directories because there are no magnetic strips, or have become warped. The magnetic strips label specific areas of campus. She said there was a graduate student who was working on a topographical map, but he graduated. Although he graduated, the committee is still looking into this project.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 7:07 P.M.**